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Applicant's Status Inquiry, filed 8/14/06, is acknowledged.

The Decision on Appeal Under 35 USC 134 by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI), mailed 6/7/06, is acknowledged.

In response to an inquiry concerning the priority of the instant application in the Decision on Appeal; USSN 07/807,043 filed December 12, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,342,774, which has been filed as a Reissue USSN 08/590,097, appears to satisfy the requirements under 35 USC 112, first paragraph; given the Decision on Appeal, mailed 6/7/06, in the instant application and given that the instant disclosure has the nearly the same disclosure (except for the corrected SEQ ID NOS. 7 and 8).

All claims are allowable.

This application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for a determination of a potential interference.

Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

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